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SUBJECT: UNIDO - IDB-XII: SENIOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

- FIELD ADVISERS

REF: VIENNA 2549 (NOTAL)

1. REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR IDB-XII ISSUED MARCH 21
(DOCUMENT ID/B/194/REV.1) CONTAINS NEW ITEM 13 "SENIOR
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FIELD ADVISERS" WITH EXPLANATORY
FOOTNOTE STATING GA RESOLUTION 32/165 REQUESTED THE EXECU-
TIVE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE IDB "ON WAYS AND
MEANS OF INCREASING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SIDFA'S IN
PROGRAMMES OF ASSISTANCE BY UNIDO TO THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES". THIS CLEARLY MAKES UNNECESSARY ANY UK INITIA-
TIVE TO INSCRIBE AN ITEM UNDER WHICH IT COULD RAISE
WINDSOR'S PROPOSAL FOR A REGIONAL APPROACH TO FIELD AD-
VISORY SERVICES (PARA 1 REFTEL).

2. GROUP B VIENNA HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF WINDSOR'S PRO-
POSAL MARCH 21. U.S. PERMREP MADE SOME COMMENTS ALONG
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LINES OF THOSE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO UK PRIVATELY,
POINTED OUT THAT THERE COULD BE SERIOUS BUDGETARY IMPLICA-
TIONS, AND URGED CAUTION. SEVERAL OTHER REPS RAISED
QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION. ONLY FRG HAD RECEIVED IN-
STRUCTIONS FROM CAPITAL; THESE WERE TO OPPOSE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF REGIONAL TEAMS. FRG ARGUED HIGH IMPORTANCE OF
SIDFA'S ASSOCIATION WITH UNDP RESREP, CONCEPT BEING THAT

OF "UN EMBASSY" WITH ADVISERS IN VARIOUS SECTORS BEING ATTACHED TO "EMBASSY" AS APPROPRIATE TO COUNTRY CIRCUMSTANCES. INDUSTRIAL ADVISER IN THIS "EMBASSY" SET UP SHOULD BE A GENERALIST WITH EXPERTS BEING BROUGHT IN ON AS NECESSARY ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, PREFERABLY FROM HEADQUARTERS. MAIN PROBLEM, IN FRG VIEW, IS NOT UNAVAILABILITY OF EXPERTS WITH SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE, BUT DIFFICULTY IN FINDING INDIVIDUALS TO STAFF SIDFA POSITIONS WHO HAVE SUFFICIENTLY BROAD APPROACH AND APPROPRIATE SENSE OF PRIORITIES.

3. UK ACTING PERMREP LAMONT CONFIRMED TO US PRIVATELY ON APRIL 4 THAT WINDSOR INTENDS TO PURSUE HIS IDEAS DURING DISCUSSION OF NEW AGENDA ITEM 13. UK WILL PROBABLY NOT ASK THAT WINDSOR'S PAPER BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, BUT WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO DELEGATIONS INFORMALLY.

4. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES TIME HAS COME TO FOCUS ON WINDSOR'S PROPOSALS AND DEVELOP A USG POSITION. IF WE DECIDE THAT ON BALANCE HIS REGIONAL APPROACH WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE USEFUL, WE SHOULD TRY TO DISCOURAGE HIM BEFORE HE HAS STIMULATED THE INTEREST OF THOSE WHO MAY BE ATTRACTED BY THE PROSPECT OF ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND BIGGER BUDGETS. MISSION SEES A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSALS; THESE ARE REFLECTED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN LEARY TO LAMONT LETTER OF FEBRUARY 3, COPY OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN IO/DHP. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, HAVE FULLY ADEQUATE BASIS FOR JUDGMENT ON MAIN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE -- WHAT KIND OF FIELD ADVICE DO LDC'S NEED FROM UNIDO/UNDP/SIDFA'S AND WHAT IS MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF PROVIDING IT. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT/AID COMMENTS.

5. MISSION NOTES THAT U.S. VOTED AGAINST GA RESOLUTION 32/165 BECAUSE OF ITS PROVISIONS REGARDING FINANCING OF SIDFA'S (SEE USUN 5624 AND USUN 5811). WOULD APPRECIATE IO/DHP'S POUCHING US A COPY OF OCTOBER 2 NORRIS TO FRANK MEMO ON THIS SUBJECT MENTIONED IN USUN 4876 AND STATE 285321.
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